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Subject: SAVE ORGANIC STANDARDS

To the National Organic Standards Board

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We the undersigned organic consumers are shocked and outraged that so-called "organic" factory-farm feedlot dairies are importing milk calves from conventional farms and then raising these animals in crowded, inhumane conditions, with little or no access to pasture, and then labeling the milk and dairy products produced on these feedlots as "USDA Organic." You know such practices can lead to Mad Cow Disease, inflicted on unsuspecting parents and humans who think they are choosing safe unadulterated "organic" milk.

Be aware that: Two of the largest organic dairy companies in the nation, Horizon "Organic" (a subsidiary of Dean Foods), a supplier to Wal-Mart and many health food stores; and Aurora Organic, a supplier of private brand name organic milk to Costco, Safeway, Giant, Wild Oats and others, who together control 65% of the market, are purchasing the majority of their milk from feedlot dairies where the cows have little or no access to pasture.

We call on the National Organic Program of the USDA to STOP!!! these practices immediately.

We also ask the USDA to call on Congress to allocate adequate funds to help thousands of American farmers and ranchers make the transition to organic, so we can meet the nation's growing demand for organic foods, without lowering organic standards, or importing billions of dollars in organic products unnecessarily from overseas.

Sincerely,

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